Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 05 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 06 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 05 Dec 2023 at 03:35 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Tuesday and Wednesday. High for a change to unsettled and less cold weather later in the week but low confidence for daily detail.

Headline for Tuesday 05 Dec 2023: Dry, bright and cold

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 05 Dec 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability					
10%	<05%	<05%	00%	00%	00%

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Weather: A cloudy start, particularly across eastern ranges, some sunny spells in the west. Sunny spells increasing across all ranges in the afternoon. A cold evening with largely clear skies.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Some thin cloud below 300 metres possible across the north of the area at first. Otherwise very good visibility with many ridges and summits seeing very little cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	15/19 E	10/12 E	5/6 E	5/6 S	6/8 S	6/8 S	9/11 S
900	9/10 E	5/6 E	3/4 NE	3/4 S	6/7 S	7/9 S	8/10 S
600	4/5 E	3/4 SE	2/3 E	2/3 SW	2/4 SW	3/5 SW	4/6 SW
300	1/5 NE	2/3 SE	1/3 SE	2/4 S	2/5 S	3/5 SW	3/6 SW
Glen	1/5 N	1/3 W	2/4 N	2/5 SW	3/6 SW	3/7 S	2/7 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-13	-6/-12	-6/-10	-9/-13	-10/-15	-10/-15	-8/-14
900	-3/-7	-3/-6	-3/-5	-3/-5	-4/-7	-4/-8	-4/-9
600	-1/-3	-1/-3	-1/-3	-2/-3	-2/-4	-3/-5	-3/-5
300	0/-1	-0/-2	1/-1	-1/-3	-2/-5	-3/-6	-4/-6
Glen	-0/-2	-2/-2	-0/-1	-3/-4	-4/-6	-4/-7	-5/-7
Freezing Level*	400m	400m	400m	300m	200m	100m	100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Sun glare off the snowpack in the afternoon.

Forecast for Wednesday 06 Dec 2023
Weather: Dry, bright and very cold but some high cloud spilling north in the afternoon making for flat light conditions. Strengthening southeasterly winds will bring heavy snow from mid-evening onwards, gales developing on the summits. Snow will be drifting around in the wind too.

Maximum wind: South-southeasterly 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph, increasing to 30 mph gust 50-55 mph in the afternoon. Winds reaching nearer 80 mph across the Cairngorm Plateau by late evening

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% during daylight

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility with little in the way of cloud on the summits for much of the day. Cloud lowering to 700 metres from the south during the evening and coupled with snow will lead to very poor visibility.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 10 rising to 0 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 400 metres or less

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